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## **Forest Sets Three Travel Plan Meetings for November**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest will hold the three open house meetings next week concerning the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Travel Planning and Off Highway Vehicle Route Designation. The meetings will be at the following locations: November 3 in North Fork at the North Fork Fire Station on Highway 93; November 5, Idaho Falls at the Caribou – Targhee National Forest Supervisor's Office 1405 Hollipark Drive; and November 6 in Pocatello at the Westside, Pocatello Ranger District Office, 4350 Cliffs Drive. Each meeting will be from 5 to 9 p.m.

The meetings will be open house style with District Rangers and specialists available to discuss specific routes, the DEIS and travel management. People can drop by at any time during the workshops to provide information and discuss motorized use of the Salmon-Challis National Forest and related issues. Enlarged maps showing the various alternatives will be used during the meetings.

The DEIS includes five alternatives: 0- No Action, 1- Current Designated System, 2-Revised Proposed Action, 3- Recommended Wilderness and Roadless Area Emphasis, and 4- Motorized Use Emphasis. Using the information in the draft, additional public comments, and recommendations from the District Rangers, Forest Supervisor Bill Wood will make a decision on the Travel Plan late next spring.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest will hold additional open house meetings in the following communities: North Fork, November 3; Idaho Falls, November 5; and Pocatello, November 6.

The notice of intent for the Travel Planning and OHV Designation DEIS was published in the Federal Register September 26, 2008. The 60 day comment period ends November 25.

If you have questions about Travel Management Planning, please contact a District Ranger or Karen Gallogly, Travel Planning Team Leader at (208) 756-5103 Salmon-Challis National Forest, 1206 South Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho 83467 or at kgallogly@fs.fed.us.